



Sir Hubert Wilkins, of the impeccable goatee, is greeted in Seattle by Edward B. Williamson, president of the Seattle Aeronautical Society, at Boeing Field. Sir Hubert plans to lead an expedition into the Antarctic with Lincoln Ellsworth, and seeks a physician to accompany them.

CBS Engineers Render New KNX Transmitter Plant 'Disaster-Proof'

Measures taken by Columbia Broadcasting System technicians to assure continuous operation under any emergency of the new \$350,000 KNX transmitter at Hawthorne and 190th street, have made it practically impossible to cut Los Angeles off from communication with other parts of the country, according to James Middlebrooks, engineer in charge of construction of the new plant.

\$30 Pension Plan Rally Cheered by 300 Here Tuesday

Frequent bursts of applause from an audience of about 300 Tuesday night at the Civic Auditorium indicated that the idea of receiving \$30 a week for life has a potent appeal among senior residents here who are bordering or past the 50-year mark.

Completion of the 50,000-watt transmitter operating in conjunction with Columbia's new Hollywood studios, rounds out one of the biggest construction projects in the history of network radio, and provides the West Coast with its most modern and extensive broadcasting outlet.

Three Bands to Swing It Friday Evening in Aud

Take a listen to three bands at the Civic Auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night and help the Coordinating Council decide which organization will get a contract to appear for the next four all-community dances in Torrance.

Here's the way 36 instrumentalists and three vocalists will divide the dance period from 8:30 to 12 midnight—opening the program will be Johnny Hughes and his 12 bandmen plus a talented girl singer, then will come Albert Hines and his dozen players and vocalist and winding up the evening will be Harry Wham's swing symphony of 12 more assorted musicians and a soloist.

There will be no increase in admission prices for this gala affair, according to Vernon Coil of the sponsoring Coordinators. A couple of students can snag for 35 cents, a single student must shell out 20 cents and adults are welcome at 25 cents each.

Oilmen to Deepen Well in Redondo

Following the theory that a deep sand might underlie the Redondo field the same as it does South Torrance, J. Medill and associates are going to deepen the old Shell Frenger No. 4 well at Gladys and Emerald streets, now bottomed at 3,589 feet.

MAYOR'S WIFE BETTER

Mrs. William H. Tolson, wife of this city's mayor, is reported making a good recovery at Torrance Memorial hospital where she underwent a major operation July 27.

Ballot Preview Going to Voters Late This Week

DEADLINES TOLD
Next Tuesday, Aug. 9, is the last day to file initiative petitions with the registrar of voters. A total of 186,378 signatures is necessary on petitions to submit initiative measures to the voters at the November general election.

Next Wednesday is the last day to become naturalized or otherwise become a citizen to be able to vote at the November election.

A preview of the Aug. 30 ballot will be given voters throughout the county when Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr begins the mailing of sample ballots this week.

Each registered voter also will receive a card notifying him of the polling place in the precinct in which he resides.

Official tabulation of the total registration in Los Angeles county was being prepared this week by Kerr's department. The previous high mark for the county was eclipsed several days ago, before all the affidavits had been checked.

Kerr's office will mail a ticket of each political party to the chairman of the county central committee for each party, between Aug. 5 and Aug. 25. Each candidate also will receive a copy of the sample ballot upon which his name appears.

H. S. Printing Teacher Named

Principal Thomas Elson of the high school announced Tuesday that Charles W. Hamilton has been engaged as printing instructor, succeeding Herbert B. Andrews, for the 1938-39 term. Hamilton will come here from a year's instructorship in printing at San Fernando high school.

Warners Feted On Eve of Their Departure North

Testifying to the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-workers at the Columbia Steel plant, Carl S. Warner, who has been named to take charge of all engineering and maintenance of equipment at the Pittsburg (Cal.) Columbia plant, was honored guest at the first of three "farewell dinners" last night.

This tribute was extended by the heads of all Columbia Steel departments and their assistants at the Palos Verdes Golf club. Warner, who will take over his new position Aug. 15, was presented with a sterling silver fruit bowl set. Today Mrs. E. M. Barber, wife of the local plant's general superintendent, gave a luncheon at her Palos Verdes home in honor of Mr. Warner.

Scouts Going to Camp On Monday

About 20 members of Boy Scout Troop 219 are impatiently awaiting Monday morning when they will leave for a three-day camp at Anaheim Landing. The Kiwanis club, sponsor of the troop, voted \$50 toward the expenses of the Scouts' outing.

Small Boys Set Haystack A-Blaze

Some small boys playing around a haystack at Redondo Beach boulevard and Arlington avenue Sunday afternoon are believed to have started the fire which consumed 10 tons of fodder valued at \$150. The hay was owned by Carl Pursche, farmer in that northern part of the city.

Convicts Buy Bus

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (U.P.)—Prisoners at the Missouri penitentiary have bought and reconditioned a second-hand bus to carry their ball teams to "outside" games throughout rural Missouri.

Building Shows Gain of 257 Percent; Total for July is \$188,779

With South Torrance oil field derrick construction a major part of the total, \$188,779 worth of new construction—the largest monthly amount since January's record-holder of \$1,811,950—was started here in July, according to the city engineer's office. The building total for the seven months of the year to date is \$2,469,416.

New construction here during July, 1937, amounted to \$634,950 which included one building permit for the General Petroleum corporation for a \$620,000 addition to the refinery here.

Last month's building included: six new residences, \$11,850; five private garages, \$975; eight alterations and repair jobs to residences, \$5,050; 31 oil derricks, \$285,000; 12 oil tanks, \$5,454; three alterations and repair jobs to business or industrial structures, \$1,500; and eight new non-residential buildings, \$7,950.

Comparative monthly totals are:

Month	1938	1937
January	\$1,811,950	\$4,030
February	32,400	11,845
March	154,250	24,155
April	81,225	21,690
May	131,397	204,615
June	119,415	16,585
July	188,779	634,950
Total	\$2,469,416	\$954,870

AUGUST STARTS OFF STRONG IN BUILDING

Permits for new construction work here issued during the past week totaled \$42,925 of which \$38,700 was for building in the Torrance oil fields. A detailed report on this type of construction will be found with the report on oil activity here published elsewhere on this page. The other permits were as follows:

H. L. Harline, of WALTERIA, is building a four-room frame house and double garage at 24418 Neece for \$17,700; H. Pupoff, 2020 Andros, is erecting a sheet iron single garage at 2019 Cabrillo for \$75; Fur Farms, Inc., is building a 19 by 150-ft structure for chinchilla raising at 2701 West 182nd street for \$300; and S. H. Yerlan of Los Angeles, is erecting a five-room stucco house and double garage at 714 Madrid for \$2,100.

SOUTH BAY CITIES BUILDING BOOMS

South Bay district building maintained its mid-summer boom, with Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach recording slight July advances, while Manhattan Beach, leader last year, suffered a small drop as its building permits soared over the half-million dollar mark.

In Redondo new construction last month totaled \$20,899 and the amount for the past seven months is \$188,521 as compared with \$185,670 for the same period in 1937. Hermosa Beach July building was \$34,034 and the total for the year to date stands at \$216,899 as against \$347,775 for the first seven months of 1937.

Figueroa Extension Gets PWA Grant

Included in the loans and grants made this week by the Public Works Administration for more than 50 California projects was \$118,070 toward a \$264,600 street improvement project in Los Angeles county. The fund will provide for the extension and paving of South Figueroa from Lomita boulevard to Wilmington among other improvements.

Damages Car to Avoid Collision

To avoid a head-on collision with a car being driven north on Narbonne by Julian D. McIlroy of Santa Maria, William Gasser, 2237 248th, Lomita, skidded into the northwest corner of 229th and Narbonne yesterday and badly damaged his Packard sedan. Gasser had pulled out from behind another car going in the same direction when he saw McIlroy coming toward him.

BEACH FRONTAGE NEAR TORRANCE LEASED BY COUNTY SUPERVISORS

Another step in Supervisor Leland M. Ford's program calling for governmental ownership of beaches along the Los Angeles county shoreline was taken Tuesday when the Board of Supervisors officially approved the leasing of some 2800 feet of beach immediately adjacent to the west city limits of Torrance in the Redondo area.

The lease, amounting to \$6,900 annually, contains an option under which the county may purchase the property, and will run for a ten-year period. "This lease contract has been before the Board for a period of some two years," Supervisor Ford said, "and is an extremely valuable deal for the county government. Full purchase price of the property will amount to only \$173,000, which we can undertake if, when and as we find ourselves in a position to take advantage of the offer. By entering into the lease, we reserve the right to purchase this valuable coastline strip at any time during the next ten years."

The proposition was made by the Huntington-Redondo company, owners of the property. The owner corporation proposed a lease for five, 10 or 15 years. Length of frontage involved is 2,888 feet, or about half a mile in the locality known as Clifton-by-the-Sea.

The county will be given no credit or rebate for rentals on the purchase price, however, under the proposal. The lease was laid before the board members just as they opened hearings on the 1938-39 county budget, which are to be terminated next week. Owing to substantial increases in the county budget as now proposed, it was forecast around the Hall of Records that the tax rate would have to be increased because of the land deal.

Other beach frontage leased or purchased during the past two years include holdings of the Residential Land Company near Castle Rock, north of Santa Monica.

Oil Boom Gains In Area; More Wells Staked

More companies are entering the new southeast Lomita and Harbor City oil field area to increase this week that the sector opened by the D and B producer a month ago will soon rival the South Torrance field boom. The latest entrant is the Bandini Petroleum company which announced the closing of a deal for the 55-acre Hollingsworth property south of Lomita boulevard and west of Normandie.

Motors Thief May Power Plane with WALTERIA Loot

Someone in WALTERIA may be planning to "try a Corrigan" by equipping a dual-motored plane with two small electric motors.

That is the belief of local police who investigated the thefts of the half-horsepower machines from Ralph Martinez, 24406 Los Codona and Mrs. Oscar Butterfield at 24426 Los Codona last Friday.

—And with Mrs. Butterfield's 50 cents, also stolen, perhaps the WALTERIA Corrigan will buy chocolate bars for a flight—directly into the Torrance housegoose if he is apprehended.

Myers Elected Legion Head

Charles Myers, veteran mortician and member of the firm of Stone and Myers, sportsman-flyer and one of the most popular members of the local post, was elected commander of Bert S. Crossland unit No. 170, American Legion, Tuesday night. He will be installed Aug. 23 at the Civic Auditorium. Myers will succeed Commander Grant Barkdull.

Adjutant Thomas T. Babbitt was re-appointed by the commander-elect and other officers for 1938-39 will be as follows: Lyle Doan, first vice-commander; D. A. Murphy, second vice-commander; Clarence Younghein, sergeant-at-arms; James Wilkes, chaplain; Ralph Satchell, historian; Grant Barkdull, service officer; Robert J. Deininger, finance officer.

The next executive board of the post will be composed of William H. Stanger, Pat Boyle and Barkdull. Delegates to the state convention will be Younghein, Barkdull, Boyle and Wilkes, and their alternates are Alex McPhay, Herb Robinson, James Scott and Charles Smith.

Trio Hurt As Machine Spills

Three local young people were injured late Tuesday night when the car in which they were riding ran off the paved portion of Torrance boulevard near Madonna and turned over when the wheels sank in the soft shoulder of the roadway.

Russell R. Evans of 807 Portola, was driving the auto east on the boulevard and about 100 yards east of Madonna ran off the road. With him were Mary Moore, 2840 230th, and Harold Clemmer, 2119 Gramercy. Miss Moore and Clemmer were cut and bruised about their heads but refused medical aid. Evans hurt his back when he fell to the pavement from the car.

Window-Glass Workers Plan Beach Picnic

With a number of Torrance residents attending, a meeting of former window-glass-workers was held in Redondo's Mandarin ballroom last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of inaugurating an annual window-glass workers' picnic at the beach city.

Charles C. Martin was chosen chairman, A. E. Wilhelm made acting secretary and Fred Vandegrift was elected treasurer. The latter is a former national president of the Window-Glass Workers of America.

Another meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, at 2:30 o'clock at the Mandarin ballroom to set a date for the picnic and elect permanent officers. The picnic, it is announced, will be for all glass workers and their families.

Palos Verdes Sector Considers Annexation to City of Torrance

Definitely opposed to the incorporation of an unit of the great Palos Verdes Estates as a municipality, a group of residents in the Valmonte sector of that suburban area south of Torrance is now circulating petitions asking for annexation to this city.

Final Contract For H.S. Assembly To Be Awarded

With Duff and Vanderhoogen as the low bidders, award of the contract for completion of the Torrance high school auditorium was expected to be made this week by the Los Angeles board of education.

A low bid of \$30,204 was received from Duff and Vanderhoogen. Thirteen other bids were received, the highest being \$32,490, according to engineers in the office of the Los Angeles board of education.

Recreation Bond Issue Split in Three Projects

Next November at the general election, in addition to the many propositions and candidates on the state and county ballot, Torrance voters will be asked to make a decision about three proposed bond issues. These will include the extension of the municipal recreation plant which is now before Public Works Administration officials for a grant of 45 percent toward the total cost of the entire project.

The three issues will be (1) whether or not the city will obligate itself for a municipal plunge, 50 by 105 feet in size, equipped with a modern bath house; (2) a municipal recreation building and illuminated tennis courts to be located in the city park; and (3) a recreation building housing library, quarters, tennis courts and playground at Waverly.

Mayor William H. Toston and the special committee named July 26, City Attorney John E. McCall, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Acting City Engineer Leonard Young, were to confer with Attorney James L. Beebe of the law firm of O'Melveny, Fuller and Myer, today regarding the proposed bond issue.

The decision to segregate the recreation project into three issues was made in order that local voters could have an opportunity to express themselves on each proposed improvement. Some may be in favor of the entire project, others support two of the three or another group may consider one recreation expansion to be enough at the present time.

The cost of each of the three proposed extensions of the city recreation plant is to be determined at this meeting. The total will be more than \$100,000, it is understood, with the city's share about \$65,000.

Democrats Plan Big Rally Here for 4 Candidates

Local supporters of four Democratic candidates for as many public offices are arranging a political rally tentatively scheduled for Wednesday night, Aug. 17, in the Civic Auditorium.

The campaigns of John B. Dockweiler for governor, William G. McAdoe for re-election as U. S. senator, Dr. Charles W. McQuarrie of Gardena to Congress from this district, and James J. O'Toole of this city as state assemblyman are to be furthered at this meeting.

City Has Six Annexes

It is understood that the Valmonte people have retained an attorney to watch the incorporation proceedings and also to develop the annexation-to-Torrance move. The incorporationists are chiefly concerned, according to information received by The Herald, with creating Los Angeles county's 46th city out of the area on the most westerly projection and slope of Palos Verdes between Malaga Cove and Lunada Bay.

The present city of Torrance, it will be remembered, includes the original tract of about a square mile, one extension of nearly three square miles when the city was incorporated in May, 1921, and six annexations. The first addition was the North-west area of 4.14 square miles on Feb. 9, 1926. This doubled the city's area and carried its borders west to meet those of Redondo Beach.

The largest addition came the next year, on Jan. 18, 1927, when Meadow Park brought in 6.91 square miles and extended Torrance to the ocean. After a previous halting had failed by a close margin, WALTERIA voted March 12, 1928, to join its 0.39 square miles to Torrance.

Smallest of the additions was that of Sept. 10, 1929, when the Helbush tract of six acres rounded out a notch on the south-easterly edge. The next addition, June 2, 1930, brought in all of the McDonald tract that had not previously been annexed to Gardena. This was 3.68 square miles in area. Last of the additions was on May 25, 1931, when South Torrance with its 0.94 square mile joined the city and carried its border to Lomita. Torrance today holds 18.88 square miles within its limits.

BUNXTON FAVORS SMALL PLAYGROUNDS

Rather than see the city encumbered with a bond issue, such as is proposed for a swimming pool and recreation buildings, tennis courts and a playground at WALTERIA, B. C. Buxton, well-known Torrance realtor, today declared that he would support any move to create small playgrounds in various parts of the city for the use of children.

"Such a playground is badly needed," he said.

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